

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original) Racket shaft (1) that at one end is intended to be connected to a racket head (3), said racket shaft (1) comprising a grip portion (13), said racket shaft (1) at its other end having a knob (11) that is detachably mounted on the racket shaft (1), said knob (11) having an across dimension (T) that is larger than the diameter (D) of the portion of the racket shaft (1) to which the knob (11) is attached,

c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the grip portion (13) is equipped with two bulgings (5, 7), that the grip portion (13) is in the shape of an exchangeable part that is mounted on a core (12) of the racket shaft (1), and that the knob (11) in mounted position abuts the free end of the core (12) and constitutes a stopper of the grip portion (13).

2. (original) Racket shaft (1) according to claim 1,
c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the knob (11) is partly spherical.

3. (currently amended) Racket shaft (1) according to claim 1
[[or 2]],
c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the knob (11) has an externally threaded portion (14), that the core (12) has an internally threaded hole (16), in which the externally threaded portion (14) is intended to be received.

4. (currently amended) Racket shaft (1) according to claim 1 ~~any of the previous claims,~~
c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the core (12) has an externally out-of-round cross sectional shape, and that an internal hole (8) of the grip portion (13) has a corresponding out-of-round cross sectional shape.

5. (original) Racket shaft (1) according to claim 4,
c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the cross sectional shape is octagonal.

6. (original) Racket that comprises a racket shaft (1) and a racket head (3), said racket shaft (1) comprising a grip portion (13), and that the racket shaft (1) has an knob (11) at its end facing away from the racket head (3), said knob (11) being detachably mounted on the racket shaft (1), said knob (11) having an across dimension (T) that is larger than the diameter (D) of the portion of the racket shaft (1) that the knob (11) is attached to, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the grip portion (13) is equipped with two bulgings (5, 7), that the grip portion (13) is designed as an exchangeable part, that is mounted on a core (12) of the racket shaft (1), and that the knob (11) in mounted position abuts the end of the racket shaft (1) that constitutes stopper of the grip portion (13).

7. (original) Racket according to claim 6, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the knob (11) is partly spherical.

8. (currently amended) Racket according to claim 6 [[or 7]],
c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the knob (11) has an externally threaded portion (14), that the core (12) has an internally threaded hole (16), in which the externally threaded portion (14) is intended to be received.

9. (currently amended) Racket according to claim 6 ~~any of claims 6-8~~,

c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the core (12) has an externally out-of-round cross sectional shape, and that an internal hole (8) of the grip portion (13) has a corresponding out-of-round cross sectional shape.

10. (original) Racket according to claim 9, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the cross sectional shape is octagonal.

11. (new) Racket shaft (1) according to claim 2, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the knob (11) has an externally threaded portion (14), that the core (12) has an internally threaded hole (16), in which the externally threaded portion (14) is intended to be received.

12. (new) Racket according to claim 7, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the knob (11) has an externally threaded portion (14), that the core (12) has an internally threaded hole (16), in which the externally threaded portion (14) is intended to be received.

13. (new) Racket according to claim 7, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the core (12) has an externally out-of-round cross sectional shape, and that an internal hole (8) of the grip portion (13) has a corresponding out-of-round cross sectional shape.

14. (new) Racket according to claim 8, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the core (12) has an externally out-of-round cross sectional shape, and that an internal hole (8) of the grip portion (13) has a corresponding out-of-round cross sectional shape.